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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 September 1993

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-eighth session

3 p.m.	1st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Bulgaria.

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

Immediately following the plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Consecutive meetings of the Main Committtees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees	2nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

Second regular session of 1993

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

OTHER MEETINGS

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(on admission of new Members and United Nations interim offices)

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

OPEN-ENDED DRAFTING GROUP OF THE GROUP OF 77

10 a.m.- 12 noon	closed meeting	Room S-3949

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 15

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 September 1993

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-eighth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the forty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting
Conference Room 10
3 p.m. closed meeting

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The 669th meeting of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID will be held on Friday, 24 September 1993, immediately following the adjournment of the morning plenary meeting in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Address by the President of the African National Congress of South Africa, Mr. Nelson Mandela
3. Closure of the meeting

The SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID will also hold its 670th meeting on Tuesday, 28 September 1993, at 10.30 a.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Address by Mr. Benny Alexander, Secretary-General of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC)
3. Closure of the meeting

All representatives of Member States and organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1993 special session

In response to Executive Board decision 1993/22 (E/ICEF/1993/14), a special session of the UNICEF Executive Board will be held on 6 and 7 October 1993 at United Nations Headquarters on the question of UNICEF headquarters office accommodation. The conference room will be announced at a later date. The report on headquarters office accommodation is contained in document E/ICEF/1993/AB/L.15.

Outstanding elections from the summer organizational session of the Executive Board officers will also be held to fill the following vacancies: Second Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board; two members and three alternates on the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education (JCE) for the 1993-1995 biennium; and two alternates on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP) for the remainder of 1992-1994 biennium.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/ICEF/1993/16.

Executive Board members, observers and others are requested to transmit their letters of credentials to the Secretary, UNICEF Executive Board (Three United Nations Plaza (H-12K), New York, N.Y. 10017) as soon as possible but *no later than 28 September 1993.*

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OTHER MEETINGS

The Seventeenth Ministerial Meeting of the GROUP OF 77 will be held on Tuesday, 5 October 1993, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Fifth Annual Meeting of senior officials and the various chapters of the Group of 77, pursuant to provisions of the Caracas Ministerial Declaration of June 1989 (A/44/361), beginning on 1 October, also in Conference Room 2.

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There will be a closed meeting of the LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (at the ambassadorial level) on Friday, 24 September 1993, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The general briefing on the work of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 22 and 23 September, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee will be held on Friday, 24 September, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 20 September 1993

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Forty-seventh session

112th plenary meeting

Organization of work of the forty-seventh regular session: letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/47/1011) [8]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 12 and sub-item (a) of item 93, and to consider the item and sub-item directly in plenary meeting.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]
Social development [93]

(a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

The GeneraL Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in the annex to document A/47/1011 (resolution 47/237).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 12 and of sub-item (a) of agenda item 93.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the organization: draft resolution (A/47/L.65) [10]

The President made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/47/L.65 (resolution 47/120 B).

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, India, the United Kingdom, Ireland and France.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President (A/47/809/Add. 1) [17 (h)]

The General Assembly decided to appoint Mr. Raul Quijano (Argentina) for a five year term of office beginning on 1 January 1994.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [22]

The President recalled General Assembly resolutions 47/20 A of 24 November 1992 and 47/20 B of 20 April 1993 and reminded the Assembly that it had included this item in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 22.

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [28]

The President reminded the General Assembly that, on 18 September 1992, the Assembly had decided to include item 28 in the agenda of the present session.

The Assembly decided to defer its consideration of item 28 and to include the item in the draft agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 28.

Question of Palestine [30]

The President recalled General Assembly resolutions 47/64 A to E of 11 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that this item had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 30.

The situation in the Middle East [35]

The President recalled General Assembly resolutions 47/63 A and B of 11 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that this item had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 35.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [36]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/118 of 18 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that this item had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 36.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council [40]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/62 of 11 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that this item had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 40.

Armed Israeli aggression against Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful use of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [42]

The President recalled that on 18 September 1992, the Assembly had decided to include item 42 in the agenda of its forty-seventh session and that, by decision 47/464 of 23 December 1992, the Assembly had decided to defer its consideration of this item to a later date during the session and to include it in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 42.

Question of Cyprus [45]

The President recalled that on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly had decided to include item 45 in the agenda of the present session but had deferred a decision on the allocation of the item to an appropriate time during the session.

The Assembly decided to defer its consideration of agenda item 45 and to include it in the draft agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 45.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [46]

The President recalled that on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly decided to include agenda item 46 in the agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

The Assembly decided to defer its consideration of item 46 and to include the item in the draft agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 46.

Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development [79]

The President recalled that the General Assembly had adopted resolutions 47/188 to 47/194 of 22 December 1992.

In connection with resolution 47/191, entitled "Institutional Arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", the President pointed out that in the introduction to this draft resolution, the Rapporteur had indicated that it would be adopted on the understanding that the issue coordinator would continue to conduct informal consultations on the venue of the future sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development at the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

The Assembly noted that, by a letter dated 13 September 1993, the President had been informed by the issue coordinator (the Permanent Representative of Malaysia) that no consensus had been reached on the venue of the future sessions of the Commission. The issue coordinator also expressed the hope that necessary arrangements would be made to allow further consideration of the issue at the forty-eighth session.

It was indicated that an item on the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 79.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [103]

The President recalled General Assembly resolutions 47/212 A and 47/213 and decision 47/455 of 23 December 1992 and resolution 47/212 B and decision 47/468 of 6 May 1993 and reminded the Assembly that this item had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Current financial crisis of the United Nations [106]

Financial emergency of the United Nations [107]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/215 of 23 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that an item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations" had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 106 and 107.

Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [111]

The President recalled General Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992 and reminded the General Assembly that item 111 had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [115]

The President recalled General Assembly resolutions 47/204 and 47/205 of 22 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that item 115 has been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group [116]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/206 of 22 December 1992.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of item 116.

Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group [118]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/207 of 22 December 1992.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 118.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [143]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/121 of 18 December 1992 and reminded the Assembly that item 143 had been included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 143.

Convening of an international conference on Somalia [152]

The President recalled General Assembly resolution 47/167 of 18 December 1992.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 152.

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/47/L.58/Rev.1 and Corr.1) [47]

The General Assembly decided to defer its consideration of agenda item 47 to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and to include it in the draft agenda of that session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 47.

Closure of the forty-seventh session

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1993

WORKING GROUP I 5th meeting

Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa [3]

Structure and nature of commitments

The Working Group continued its discussion of the topic.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, the Republic Islamic of Iran, the Sudan, Egypt, Canada, Uganda, Finland, the United States and Mongolia.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Centre for Environment and Development in the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE).

National action programmes

The Working Group continued its discussion of the topic.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Armenia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Community), Botswana, Bangladesh, Spain, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Mali, Portugal, the Niger, Senegal, Israel, Denmark, Malawi, Italy, Bolivia, Burundi, Peru and Mauritania.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Kenya Energy and Environment Organization on behalf of all non-governmental organizations.

The Chairman made a statement.

Sub-regional action programmes

The Working Group began its discussion of the topic.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali (on behalf of the African Group), the United States and Benin.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, India and Brazil.

WORKING GROUP II 6th meeting

Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa [3]

Institutions

The Working Group continued its consideration of the topic.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan, Kenya, India, the Philippines, Australia, Zimbabwe, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Madagascar.

The representative of UNEP made a statement.

The observer of the Environment Liaison Center (ELCI), a non-governmental organization accredited to the Committee, made a statement on behalf of the non-governmental organization community.

The Working Group thus thus concluded its discussion of the topic.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Norway, China, Malaysia, the United States, Benin, Botswana (on behalf of the African Group) and the United Kingdom.

The Secretary of the Working Group responded to questions raised.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement of clarification.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 November 1989

Signature: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (20 September 1993)

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, concluded at Vienna on 11 April 1980

Accession: Estonia (20 September 1993)*

Fourth Extension of the International Coffee Agreement, 1983, adopted by the International Coffee Council under Resolution No. 363 of 4 June 1993

Acceptance: Japan (17 September 1993)*

Ghana (16 September 1993)*

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, done at New York on 20 June 1956

Succession: Croatia (20 September 1993)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Signature: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (20 September 1993)

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concludea at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Japan (17 September 1993)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Norway (3 September 1993)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace will be observed *today*, 21 September 1993, at 9.45 a.m. with the ringing of the Japanese Peace Bell by the Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Representatives of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff members, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited members of the media are invited to attend.

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Photographic exhibition

The formal opening of "Faces of Sorrow: Agony in the Former Yugoslavia", the photographic exhibition on display in the public lobby of the General Assembly Building, will take place *today*, 21 September 1993, at 6 p.m. The exhibition will continue until Saturday, 2 October 1993.

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United Nations stamps

Today, 21 September 1993, the United Nations Postal Administration shall issue the fifth set of commemorative stamps for 1993 on the theme "Peace". The denominations will be 29 cents, F.s. 0,60 and S 5.50.

Details about the new stamps are available in circular ST/IC/1993/49. The new stamps and hand cancellations may be obtained by staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today*, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Security

The Pass and Identification Office (Room GA-100), which is located inside the Delegates' Entrance, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 25 and 26 September, to process passes for the members of delegations and mission staff.

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